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ogy, R. W. Shufeldt. The Fate of the Fur Seal in American Waters (with lantern illustrations); William Palmer.

*October 31st.*—The Classification of the Tetrodontoidea; Theodore Gill. Some Fishes New to New England Waters; T. H. Bean. Cuckoo Stomachs and Their Contents; Walter B. Barrows. The Temperature of Trees; N. H. Egleston. Notes on Parasites: Development of *Echinorhynchus gigas*; C. W. Stiles.

*November 14th.*—Winter Aspects of the Mojave Desert Region; T. S. Palmer. A Case of Echinococcus in Swine; V. A. Moore. Notes on Parasites: *Coccidium bigeminum* Stiles; C. W. Stiles. Haeckel's Radiolaria of the Challenger Expedition; L. F. Ward. Three Days in the Tropics; L. F. Ward.—FREDERICK A. LUCAS, *Secretary*.

**Boston Society of Natural History.**—*November 4th.*—The following papers were read: The Natural History Museums of Australasia; G. L. Goodale. Recent Fossils of the Harbor and Back Bay, Boston; Warren Upham.—SAMUEL HENSHAW, *Secretary*.

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## SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

The Princeton University Geological Expedition under Prof. W. B. Scott has returned with much valuable booty. They explored the valley of Deep River, Montana, where the Ticholeptus beds are seen, and obtained a good series of the vertebrate species described from those beds by Cope, together with some additional ones. Prof. Scott finds three horizons of fossils in the valley, one of which at least is Loup Fork, while the lowest one is nearly allied to the John Day bed.

The expedition on behalf of the American Museum of Natural History, of New York, under direction of Dr. J. L. Wortman, explored the Wind River and Big Horn Eocene regions in Wyoming, the past summer. Dr. Wortman was very successful, and we shall have considerable new information respecting the interesting faunæ which these beds contain in the forthcoming report on them by Prof. Osborn and Dr. Wortman.

Prof. H. F. Osborn has accepted the position of Professor of Biology in Columbia College, New York.

Prof. Frederick Starr has accepted the chair of ethnology and archeology in the Rockefeller University of Chicago.

Prof. C. H. Gilbert is Professor of Vertebrate Biology in the Leland Stanford University of California.

The December number of the *North American Review* will contain a symposium on The Quorum in European Legislatures, apropos of the probable renewal of the Speakership controversy on the assembling of Congress, December 7. This contribution will include statements as to European usages, in reference to the point at issue, by M. Louis Ruchonnet, President of the Swiss Confederation; Herr Von Levetzow, President of the German Reichstag; M. Henri Brisson, ex-President of the Chamber of Deputies; M. Jules Meline, ex-Minister of Agriculture; M. Sofus Hogsbro, President of the Danish Folkething; Sig. Chiavassa of the Italian Senate, and others. The same number will also contain The Three Philanthropists, by Colonel R. G. Ingersoll; The Benefits of War, by Admiral Luce; A Great Statistical Investigation, by Carroll D. Wright, and Railway Rates, by General Horace Porter. Further contributions will appear in the same number from Signor Crispi, ex-Prime Minister of Italy; the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London; T. V. Powderly, and Prof. James Bryce, author of The American Commonwealth.